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1 9. ABSTRACT

Reactions of R2AlCl (R = Et, i-Bu) and EtAlCl2 with P(SiMe3)3 and LiP(SiMe3)2 were studied to investigate the potential use of dehalosilylation and lithium chloride elimination reactions for the preparation of compounds containing either Al-P-Al-P or Al-P-Al-Cl core rings. The dimeric compound [Et₂AlP(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (1) was isolated from the 1:1 reaction of Et₂AlCl and LiP(SiMe₃)₂ at -78 °C, as a result of LiCl elimination. The 1:1 reaction of EtAlCl₂ and P(SiMe₃)₃ yields Et(Cl)₂Al·P(SiMe₃)₃ (2). Interestingly, a similar reaction between Et₂AlCl and P(SiMe₃)₃ in a 2:1 mole ratio also affords (2), in moderate yield, suggesting a rearrangement of the original aluminum alkylhalide. However, when Et₂AlCl was reacted with P(SiMe₃)₃ in a 1:1 mole ratio, the expected adduct Et₂(Cl)Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (3) results. Unlike the Et₂AlCl reaction, the analogous 2:1 mole reaction of i-Bu₂AlCl and P(SiMe₃)₃ forms the mono-chloro adduct, i-Bu₂AlCl-P(SiMe₃)₃ (4), rather than a rearrangement product. Compounds 1, 2, 3, and 4 were characterized by partial elemental analysis, melting point data, as well as ¹H, ¹³C, ³¹P, and ²⁷Al NMR spectroscopy. Compounds 1, 2, and 4 were also characterized by single-crystal X-ray crystallography. Dimer 1 crystallizes in the monoclinic system, space group $C2/c(C_{2h}^{6})$, with unit cell dimensions of a = 18.085 (2) Å, b = 9.452 (1) Å, c = 20.233 (2) Å, and $\beta = 100.30$ (1)° for z = 4. Crystals of adduct 2 have unit cell parameters of a = 13.234 (2) Å, b = 13.147 (2) Å, and c = 13.043 (2) Å for z = 4, and belong to the orthorhombic system, space group $Pca2_1(C_{2\nu}^5)$, while adduct 4 crystallizes in the monoclinic system, space group $P2_1/c(C_{2h}^5)$, with cell dimensions of a = 14.986 (3) Å, b = 11.489 (2) Å, c = 18.570 (4) Å, and $\beta = 119.57 (2)^{\circ}$ for z = 4.

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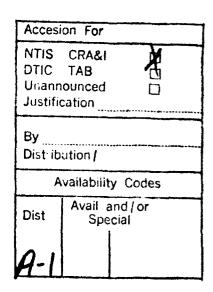
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Introduction

The renewed activity in the development of group 13-15 single-source precursors to semiconductor 1-6 materials has prompted our laboratory to undertake the synthesis of novel organoaluminum-phosphorus compounds which might serve as sources of AIP. 78 Much of the early work in this area involved the use of alkane elimination reactions between R₃Al (R = alkyl) and Ph₂EH (E = P, As) to prepare dimers of the type [R₂AIEPh₂]₂. 9.10 As alternatives to such an approach, we have employed two additional routes to generate compounds containing either AI-P-AI-P or AI-P-AI-Cl (mixed-bridge) core rings: (1) coupling reactions between alkylaluminum halides and LiP(SiMe₃)₂, or (2) dehalosilylation between alkylaluminum halides and P(SiMe₃)₃. These two methods have been successfully applied to heavier group 13-15 systems to yield compounds with Al-As, Ga-P, Ga-As, In-As, and In-P dimeric and mixed-bridge core structures, 3-6.11-13 but their utility for the synthesis of analogous AI-P compounds remained to be explored. We describe herein synthesis of the dimer [Et₂AIP(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (1) by the lithium coupling method and preparation of the Lewis base adducts

Et(Cl)₂Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (2), Et₂(Cl)Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (3), and *i*-Bu₂(Cl)Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (4) by attempted dehalosilylation reactions.

Experimental Section

General Considerations. All manipulations were performed using standard Schlenk vacuum techniques or in a Vacuum Atmospheres HE-493 Dri-Lab under an argon atmosphere. Pentane was dried over LiAlH4, while all other solvents were distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl under dry nitrogen. Et2AlCl and i-Bu2AlCl were purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc. and used without further purification. P(SiMe₃)₃ was prepared via procedures by Becker et al.14 LiP(SiMe₃)₂15 was prepared via the reaction of one equivalent of MeLi with one equivalent of P(SiMe₃)₃. ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, ³¹P, and ²⁷Al NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian XL-300 spectrometer (300.0, 75.4, 121.4, and 78.2 MHz, respectively) in sealed 5 mm tubes. ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were referenced to TMS using the residual protons or carbons of benzene-d₆ at 8 7.15 ppm and δ 128 ppm, respectively. ³¹P and ²⁷Al spectra were referenced externally to H₃PO₄ and Al(NO₃)₃, respectively, at δ 0.00 ppm. Melting points were obtained on a Thomas Hoover Uni-melt apparatus in sealed capillaries. Elemental analyses were performed by E+R Microanalytical Laboratory, Inc., Corona, NY. Crystals used in X-ray analyses were flame-sealed under argon in 0.7 mm thin-walled glass capillaries. The Me₃SiCl content of volatile reaction products was determined by hydrolysis, followed by standardized NaOH titration to a phenolphthalein endpoint.

Preparation of [Et₂AlP(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (1). LiP(SiMe₃)₂ (0.138 g, 0.749 mmol) was dissolved in 15 mL of pentane and 5 mL of THF in a small glass vial and transferred into the top bulb of a two-bulb reaction flask. Et₂AlCl (0.901 g, 0.749 mmol) was washed into the bottom bulb of the flask using 20 mL of pentane, followed by the addition of a stir-bar. The lower bulb was evacuated and cooled to -78 °C in an acetone/dry ice bath, while the top bulb was cooled with a liquid nitrogen wand. The LiP(SiMe₃)₂ solution

was added dropwise to the Et₂AlCl over a 10-minute period. Upon mixing, the solution turned yellow with a white precipitate (presumably LiCl, 0.0283 g, 89% yield). After stirring at -78 °C for 18 h, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to .com temperature, and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* to leave a beige semi-solid which was recrystallized from pentane at -15 °C to give 1 (0.137 g, 69.5% yield), mp 280-282.5 °C. Anal. Calcd. (Found) for $C_{20}H_{56}Al_2P_2Si_4$: C 45.70 (45.51), H 10.77 (10.85), P 11.80 (11.87). ¹H NMR: δ 1.37 (t, CH₃, 12H), δ 0.48 (q, CH₂, 8H), δ 0.38 (t, Si(CH₃)₃, 36H, (J_{P-H} = 2.5 Hz)). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 9.55 (s, CH₃), δ 4.48 [t, Si(CH₃)₃, (J_{P-C} = 5.0 Hz)], CH₂ not observed. ²⁷Al NMR: δ 164.3 (br. s). ³¹P NMR: δ -246.9 (s).

Preparation of Et(Cl)₂Al-P(SiMe₃)₃ (2). P(SiMe₃)₃ (0.251 g, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in 15 mL of pentane and placed in a high-pressure screw-top reaction tube. EtAlCl₂ (0.125 g, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in 15 mL of pentane and added to the P(SiMe₃)₃ solution. A white solid immediately precipitated out of the reaction solution. Upon stirring at room temperature for 24 h, the white solid became crystalline in appearance. Inside the dry box, the solvent was decanted from the solid. Evaporation of the residual solvent from the solid resulted in 2 (0.3685 g, 97.6% yield), mp 221.5-223 °C. Anal. Calcd. (Found) for C₁₁H₃₂AlCl₂PSi₃: C 34.97 (34.73), H 8.56 (8.57), Cl 18.78 (18.66), P 8.21 (7.97), Al 7.15 (7.45). ¹H NMR: δ 1.51 (t, CH₃, 3H), δ 0.47 (q, CH₂, 2H), δ 0.25 [d, Si(CH₃)₃, 27H]. ¹³C { ¹H} NMR: δ 2.98 (s, CH₃), δ 2.37 [d, Si(CH₃)₃], CH₂ not observed. ²⁷Al NMR: δ 177. 6 (br. s). ³¹P NMR: δ -229.4 (s).

Isolation of Et(Cl)₂Al-P(SiMe₃)₃ (2) from the 2:1 mole reaction of Et₂AlCl and P(SiMe₃)₃. P(SiMe₃)₃ (0.386 g, 1.54 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of pentane and placed in a high-pressure screw-top reaction tube. Et₂AlCl (0.371 g, 3.08 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of pentane and added to the P(SiMe₃)₃ solution. The clear, colorless reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 3 days. The solution was transferred via cannula into a 100 mL Schlenk flask, and volatiles were removed in vacuo to yield an off-white semi-solid along with a viscous yellow liquid.

Isolated from this mixture were colorless X-ray quality crystals of 2 (0.280 g, 48.3% yield), as confirmed by comparison to an authentic sample, ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR, (vide infra).

Preparation of Et₂(Cl)Al-P(SiMe₃)₃ (3). Et₂AlCl (0.121 g, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of pentane and added to a high pressure reaction tube equipped with a stir bar. P(SiMe₃)₃ (0.251 g, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of pentane and combined with the Et₂AlCl solution. The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 24 h. Inside the dry box, the clear, colorless solution was allowed to evaporate, yielding a white crystalline solid, 3 (0.3643 g, 98.2% yield), mp 185.7-188.5 °C. X-ray quality crystals were unobtainable. Anal. Calcd. (Found) for C₁₇H₄₅AlClPSi₃: C 42.04 (41.82), H 10.07 (10.09), Cl 9.55 (9.34), P 8.35 (8.08), Al 7.27 (7.60). ¹H NMR: δ 1.54 (t, CH₃, 6H), δ 0.43 (q, CH₂, 4H), δ 0.24 [d, Si(CH₃)₃, 27H]. 13 C(1 H) NMR: δ 9.89 (s, CH₃), δ 2.72 [d, Si(CH₃)₃], CH₂ not observed. 27 Al NMR: δ 177. 6 (br. s). 31 P NMR: δ -227.6 (s).

Preparation of *i*-Bu₂(Cl)Al-P(SiMe₃)₃ (4). P(SiMe₃)₃ (0.394 g, 1.57 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of pentane and placed in a high-pressure screw-top reaction tube. This was added to *i*-Bu₂AlCl (0.556 g, 3.15 mmol) dissolved in 10 mL of pentane. This clear, colorless solution was stirred for 3 days at room temperature, then transferred *via* cannula into a 100 mL Schlenk flask. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, leaving an off-white crystalline solid 4 (0.577 g, 86.1% yield), mp 145.2 °C, of which some X-ray quality crystals were isolated. Anal. Calcd. (Found) for C₁₇H₄₅AlClPSi₃: C 47.76 (43.95), H 10.64 (9.55), Cl 8.29 (7.83), P 7.26 (7.02), Al 6.32 (6.52). ¹H NMR: δ 1.31 (d, (CH₃)₂CH, 12H), δ 2.35 (m, CH, 2H), δ 0.48 (d, CH₂, 4H), δ 0.27 (d, Si(CH₃)₃, 27H). 13 C{¹H} NMR: δ 28.60 (s, (CH₃)₂CH), δ 28.11 (d, CH₂), δ 26.94 (s, CH), δ 2.73 (d, Si(CH₃)₃). 27 Al NMR: d 183.1 (br. s). 31 P NMR: δ -222.23 (s).

X-ray Structural Analyses of 1, 2, and 4. Crystallographic data and data collection parameters are summarized in Table I. Refined unit-cell parameters were

derived from the diffractometer setting angles for 25 reflections (35°<0<40° for 1 and 2, $30^{\circ}<0<35^{\circ}$ for 4) widely separated in reciprocal space. Intensity data for all three compounds were corrected for the usual Lorentz and polarization effects. Empirical absorption corrections, based on the ϕ -dependency of the intensities of several reflections with ψ ca. 90°, were also applied. Crystallographic calculations were performed on PDP11/44 and Micro-VAX computers by use of the Enraf-Nonius Structure Determination Package (SDP). For all structure-factor calculations, neutral atom scattering factors and their anomalous dispersion corrections were taken from reference 16.

Crystals of compounds 1 and 4 are isomorphous with those of the isostructural As analogs reported in references 3 and 4, respectively. Accordingly, final coordinates for the As analogs were used as initial input to the structure-factor calculations with substitution of P for As. The crystal structure of 2 was solved by direct methods (MULTAN11/82). Systematic absences for 2 (0kl when $l \neq 2n$, h0l when $h \neq 2n$) are consistent with space groups Pca2₁ and Pbcm (with a and b axes interchanged). With four formula units per unit cell the space group Pbcm requires that the molecules lie on an inversion center, a two-fold axis or a mirror plane of symmetry; the constitution of 2 allows only the possibility that the molecules lie on a mirror plane. The space group Pca2₁ was assumed at the outset. Approximate coordinates for the aluminum, chlorine, silicon and phosphorus atoms were obtained from an E-map. The remaining nonhydrogen atoms were located in a weighted F_0 . Fourier synthesis phased by the heavier atoms. That the molecule did not possess a mirror plane of symmetry was indicated by the disposition of the atoms, thus confirming the choice of space group. Non-hydrogen atom positional and thermal parameters (at first isotropic, then anisotropic) for 1, 2, and 4 were adjusted by means of several rounds of full-matrix least-squares calculations. For 2, parameter refinement with omission of the imaginary contributions to the anomalous scattering converged at R = 0.0458 ($R_w = 0.0593$). Introduction of the imaginary

contributions into the structure-factor calculations then yielded R = 0.0460 ($R_w = 0.0603$) for the (hkl) data set and R = 0.0476 ($R_w = 0.0616$) when their Friedel pairs (hkl) were used. These differences are significant¹⁷ and established the polarity of the crystal employed; all further refinement was performed using the (hkl) data. In the subsequent least-squares iterations, hydrogen atoms for 1, 2, and 4, were incorporated at their calculated positions (C-H = 1.05 Å). Final difference Fourier syntheses contained no unusual features.

Results and Discussion

Reaction of Et₂AlCl with LiP(SiMe₃)₂ in a 1:1 mole ratio at -78°C yielded [Et₂AlP(SiMe₃)₂]₂(1), eliminating LiCl in 89% yield (eq 1). Solution ¹H, ³¹P, and ²⁷Al

NMR spectral data are consistent with the solid-state structure of 1 as revealed by a single-crystal X-ray analysis. The solution ¹H NMR spectrum contains a triplet which is consistent with the virtual coupling between the ring phosphorus atoms and the SiMe₃ protons, indicating the dimeric nature of the product in solution. An ORTEP drawing of 1 is shown in Figure 1; selected bond lengths and bond angles are listed in Table V. Dimer 1, which is isostructural and isomorphous with its As analog [Et₂AlAs(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (5),³ lies on a crystallographic center of symmetry and thus contains a planar Al-P-Al-P core. The approximately equal Al-P bond lengths in 1 [2.460 (1), 2.454 (1) Å] lie well within the 2.446 - 2.476 Å range of those found in other Al-P dimers, ¹⁸⁻²⁰ and the associated Al-P-Al' and P-Al-P' bond angles of 90.17 (4)° and 89.83 (4)°, respectively, indicate that the four-membered core ring departs only slightly from an exactly square geometry. The C(1)-Al-C(3) and Si(1)-P-Si(2) bond angles of 114.2 (2)°

and 107.95 (5)°, respectively, are similar to the corresponding values of 115.0 (3)° and 107.59 (6)° in the As analog 5.

To u. le [Et₂AlP(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (1) is only the fifth dimeric Al-P compound to be reported, ¹⁸⁻²⁰ and the first to be produced by a lithium coupling reaction. Previously, Lappert and co-workers isolated the methyl analog of 1, [Me₂AlP(SiMe₃)₂]₂, ¹⁸ but it resulted from a rearrangement reaction between {Zr(cp)₂Cl[P(SiMe₃)₂]} (cp = C₅H₄) and AlMe₃, rather than a LiCl elimination or dehalosilylation reaction. Interestingly, Paine *et al.* reported two aluminum-phosphorus dimers, [(Me₃Si)₂AlP(Ph)₂]₂ and [(Me₃Si)₂AlP(Ph)(SiMe₃)]₂, which were actually prepared through dehalosilylation, but the source of Me₃SiCl elimination was the reverse of that employed in our laboratory as the Me₃Si groups were bonded to the Al atom while the halide atoms were located on the P atom.²⁰ The synthesis of the only other known Al-P dimer, [(*i*-Bu)₂AlPPh₂]₂, also differed from that of 1 in that it was the product of an H₂ elimination reaction between an alkylaluminum hydride and a secondary phosphine.¹⁹ The isolation of compound 1 further emphasizes that the lithium coupling reaction may be successfully utilized with most group 13-15 combinations, as well as a wide range of alkyl groups.^{2-5,13}

Considering that dehalosilylation reactions have also been used successfully to isolate oligomeric compounds from many combinations of group 13-15 elements, 2.5-6.11-13 this preparative method was also applied to the aluminum-phosphorus system. When EtAlCl₂ was reacted with P(SiMe₃)₃ in a 1:1 mole ratio in pentane, the adduct Et(Cl)₂Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (2) was isolated in quantitative yield. Compound 2 is a white crystalline solid that immediately precipitates out of solution upon the addition of EtAlCl₂ to P(SiMe₃)₃. Compound 2 is quite stable under an inert atmosphere, but rapidly decomposes in air. The solution ¹H NMR spectrum of 2 is consistent with its solid-state structure as it contains a doublet at $\delta = 0.253$ ppm, arising from the coupling of the SiMe₃ protons and the phosphorus atom of the adduct.

Interestingly, the reaction of Et₂AlCl and P(SiMe₃)₃ in a 2:1 mole ratio also afforded the adduct Et(Cl)₂Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (2) (eq 2) in moderate yield. The presence of

$$2Et2(Cl)Al + P(SiMe3)3 = Et(Cl)2Al • P(SiMe3)3 + Et3Al$$
(2)

the EtAlCl₂ moiety in 2 rather than Et₂AlCl is noteworthy as it suggests that a redistribution of the latter occurred. Although alkylaluminum halides have been shown to exist normally as dihalo-bridged dimers,²¹⁻²⁴ Ziegler has suggested that, under appropriate conditions (in the presence of a sufficiently strong Lewis base), alkyl-halo-bridged dimers may participate in an equilibrium (eq 3) involving

transient alkyl-halo-bridged species that readily dissociate to form stronger Lewis acids than those available from the original dimer.²⁵ This is most often true when the mole ratio of organoaluminum monomer to donor base is 2:1, as in the preparation of 2.²⁶ Additionally, there have been several reports by Robinson and co-workers of similarly modified constitutions of alkylaluminum halides with group 15 species.²⁷⁻³⁰ In the case of Et₂AlCl, reaction with P(SiMe₃)₃ in a 2:1 mole ratio results in redistribution of the dialkylaluminum chloride dimer to give EtAlCl₂, the strongest available Lewis acid from the transient alkyl-halo-bridged species species. Et₃Al which, though not isolated, is indicated by mass-balance.

The molecular structure of Et(Cl)₂Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (2) is illustrated in Figure 2; selected bond lengths and angles are provided in Table VI. The bonds emanating from the Al and P atoms in 2 are rotated by a mean angle of 36.3° from an eclipsed orientation, and thus the conformation is similar to that around the Al-As bond in

i-Bu₂(Cl)Al•As(SiMe₃)₃ (5)⁴ where the value is 36.9°. The Al-P bond distance of 2.435 (3) Å in **2** is, to our knowledge, the shortest found to date in monodentate adducts, the corresponding lengths in previously reported Al-P adducts ranging from 2.451 (2) Å to 2.585 (2) Å.³⁰⁻³⁷ The shortness of the distance in **2** can be attributed in part to the electron-withdrawing character of the Cl atoms bonded to the Al atom, which greatly increases the Lewis acidity of the aluminum moiety, and to the modest steric demands of the Al substituents. Interestingly, in the di-adduct Cl₃Al·P(Ph)₂CH₂P(Ph)₂·AlCl₂(Me)³⁰, the Al-P bond lengths of 2.451 (2) and 2.497 (2) Å associated with the AlCl₃ and AlCl₂(Me) moieties, respectively, are both longer than that in **2**, presumably due to the fact that the bond-shortening effect of the halogens is counteracted by the steric demands of the phenyl rings located on the P atoms. A similar case can be made for the Al-P bond length of 2.489 (2) Å in Me₂(Cl)Al·P(Pl.)₂CH₂P(Ph)₂.³⁷

In order to examine the effect of molar ratios on disproportionation, Et₂AlCl was reacted in a 1:1 mole ratio with P(SiMe₃)₃ under conditions identical to those of the 2:1 mole ratio reaction. With the aluminum alkylhalide and the phosphine present in equimolar amounts, the 1:1 reaction afforded the expected adduct Et₂(Cl)Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (3) in quantitative yield. No rearrangement products were observed. Although no suitable X-ray quality crystals of 3 could be isolated, the solution ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with an adduct as indicated by coupling between the P atom and the SiMe₃ protons giving a doublet signal at $\delta = 0.243$ ppm. Integration of spectra of 2 and 3 shows a 1:2 ratio between the ethyl groups of 2 and 3, respectively: the SiMe₃ proton signal of 2 is approximately 9:1 with the ethyl proton signal, while the ratio of 3 is 9:2. An upfield shift of the CH₂ signal ($\Delta = 0.04$ ppm) in the ¹H NMR spectrum of Et₂(Cl)Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (3) from that of 2, can be attributed to the presence of only one Cl atom in the adduct. The di-chloro and mono-chloro structures of 2 and 3, respectively, are also evidenced in the partial elemental analyses of these compounds (vide infra).

The adduct *i*-Bu₂(Ci)Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (4) was prepared using reaction conditions identical to those resulting in the formation of 2. In contrast to the situation with Et₂AlC., *i*-Bu₂(Cl)Al did not undergo redistribution. This observed difference is likely due to the fact that the bulkier *iso*butyl groups cannot readily form the transient alkylhalo-bridged dimer as easily as the ethyl groups. Therefore, 4 results from the expected Lewis acid/base adduct formation (eq 4):

All solution NMR spectral data are in agreement with the solid-state structure of 4 as determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis. An ORTEP diagram of 4 is provided in Figure 3; selected bond distances and bond angles are listed in Table VII. Bond angles in 3 characterizing the distorted tetrahedral geometries about the P and Al atoms range from 107.5 (1)°-111.5 (1)° and 99.1 (1)°-122.5 (4)°, respectively, and corresponding values are not significantly different from those in the As analog i-Bu2(Cl)Al•As(SiMe3)3 (6).4 The smaller than tetrahedral P-Al-Cl and mean P-Al-C bond angles of 99.1 (1)° and 106.1°, respectively, in 4 are associated with overcrowding involving the geminal isobutyl groups at the Al atoms [C-Al-Cl (mean) = 110.1°, C-Al-C = 122.5 (4)°]; corresponding values in 6 follow: 99.07 (7)°, 105.2°, 110.6°, 123.2 (3)°. The Al-P bond length of 2.504 (3) Å is consistent with those in previously reported Al-P adducts (vide supra). 30-37 The lengthening of the Al-P bond length in 4 over that in 2 [2.435 (3) Å] can be ascribed to a combination of the decreased Lewis acidity of the Al moiety in 4 (due to the presence of only one Cl on the Al atom in contrast to two in 2) and the increased steric overcrowding between the SiMe₃ groups on P (mean Al-P-Si = 110.9° < mean Si-P-Si = 108.1°) and the bulky pair of isobutyl groups on the Al atom in 4 (versus the ethyl substituents in 2; mean Al-P-Si = 109.4°, mean Si-P-Si = 109.5°).

Conclusions

In systems of the heavier 13-15 elements, dimeric and mixed-bridge species were obtained from LiCl elimination a. J dehalosilylation reactions. Indeed, elimination of LiCl resulted in [Et₂AlP(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (1). In contrast, similar dehalosilylation reactions between R₂AlCl (R = Et, *i*-Bu) and EtAlCl₂ with P(SiMe₃)₃ afforded the Lewis base adducts Et(Cl)₂Al-P(SiMe₃)₃ (2), Et₂(Cl)Al-P(SiMe₃)₃ (3), and *i*-Bu₂(Cl)Al-P(SiMe₃)₃ (4), rather than the anticipated elimination products. This effect may be unique to Al systems, as analogous adducts were isolated when alkylaluminum chlorides were reacted with As(SiMe₃)₃, and may be a consequence of the increased Lewis acidity of Al versus the heavier group 13 elements which have been shown to readily undergo such dehalosilylation reactions.^{3,4} However, such Al adducts have demonstrated the ability to undergo internal dehalosilylation to form dimeric compounds in the aluminum-arsenic system.³ The four Al-P compounds reported herein may likely show promise as single-source precursors to the material AlP, and future studies will address this potential.

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Supplementary Material Available: Tables of hydrogen atom coordinates and isotropic thermal parameters, anisotropic temperature factors, as well as complete lists of interatomic distances and angles, including torsion angles, for 1, 2, and 4 (17 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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Captions to Figures

Figure 1. ORTEP diag. am (40% probability ellipsoids) showing the atom numbering scheme and solid-state conformation of [Et₂AlP(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (1); hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Primed atoms are related to the unprimed atoms by a crystallographic center of symmetry.

Figure 2. ORTEP diagram (50% probability ellipsoids) showing the atom numbering scheme and solid-state conformation of Et(Cl)₂Al-P(SiMe₃)₃ (2); hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Figure 3. ORTEP diagram (50% probability ellipsoids) showing the atom numbering scheme and solid-state conformation of *i*-Bu₂(Cl)Al-P(SiMe₃)₃ (4); hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

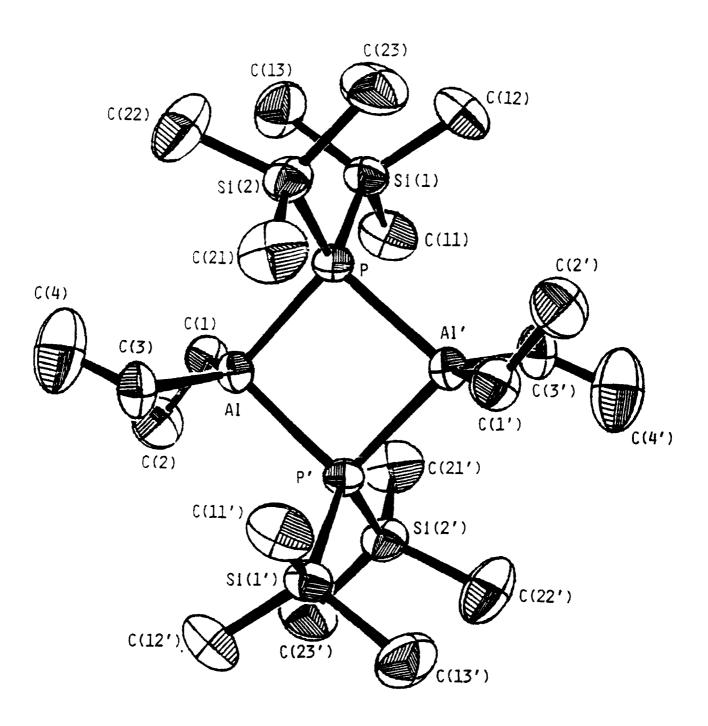


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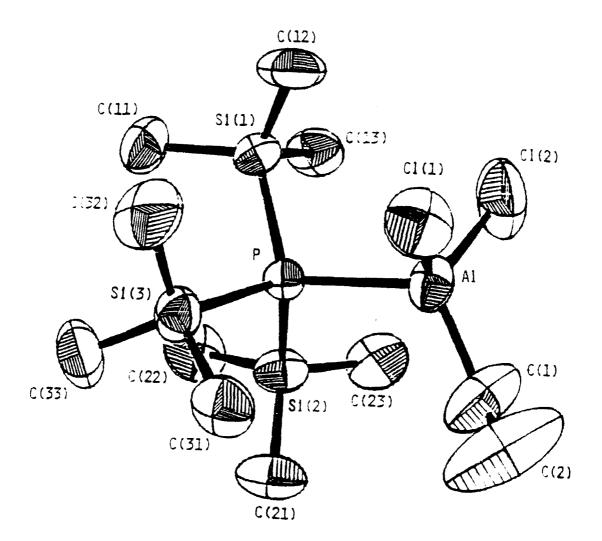


Figure 2.

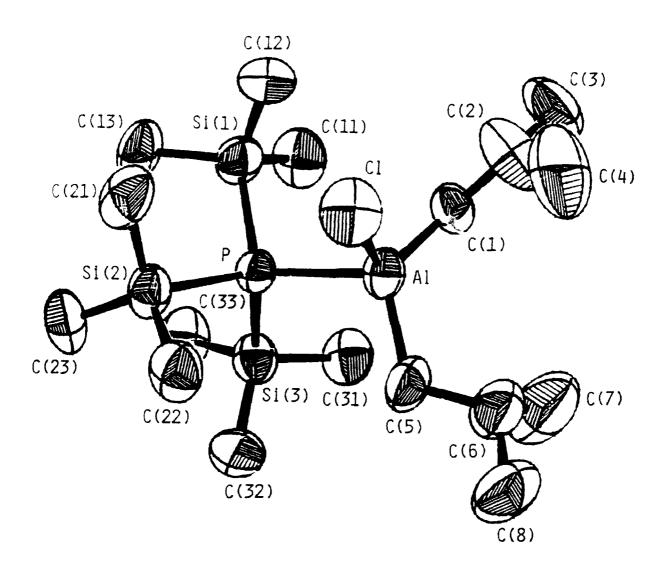


Figure 3.

Table I. Crystallographic Data and Data Collection Parameters^a for [Et₂AiP(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (1), Et(Cl)₂Ai•P(SiMe₃)₃ (2), and i-Bu₂(Cl)Ai•P(SiMe₃)₃ (4)

	1	2	4
molecular formula	C ₂₀ H ₅₆ Al ₂ P ₂ Si ₄	C ₁₁ H ₃₂ AlCl ₂ PSi ₃	C ₁₇ H ₄₅ A1CIPSi ₃
formula weight	524.92	377.50	427.21
crystal system	monoclinic	orthorhombic	monoclinic
space group	$C2/c(C_{2h}^{6})$ -No.15	$Pca2_1(C_{2v}^5)$ -No.29	$P2_1/c(C_{2h}^5)$ -No.14
a, Å	18.085(2)	13.234(2)	14.986(3)
b, Å	9.452(1)	13.147(2)	11.489(2)
c, Å	20.233(2)	13.043(2)	18.570(4)
β, deg	100.30(1)	90.0(-)	119.57(2)
V, Å ³	3403(1)	2269(1)	2781(2)
Z	4	4	4
$D_{ m calcd}$, g cm ⁻³	1.025	1.105	1.020
μ , cm ⁻¹	31.0	51.4	33.4
temp, °C	25	25	25
crystal dimens, mm	0.12 x 0.28 x 0.36	0.20 x 0.20 x 0.30	0.15 x 0.40 x 0.40
T _{max} :T _{min}	1.00:0.65	1.00:0.63	1.00:0.42
scan type	ω-2θ	ω-2θ	ω-2θ
scan width, deg	$0.80 + 0.14 \tan\theta$	$1.00 + 0.14 \tan\theta$	$1.20 + 0.14 \tan\theta$
θ_{\max} , deg	75	75	60
intensity control refls	2 2 2, 1 3 4, 1 1 4, 1 5 3;	331,222,643,124;	112,424,023,311;
variation; repeat time, h	<1%;2	<2%;2	<2%;2
Total no of refls recorded	$3595 (+h,+k,\pm l)$	2448(+h,+k,+l)	4281 $(+h,+k,\pm l)$
no of non-equiv refls	3484	2448	4105

Table I (continued)

	1	2	4
R _{merge} , on I	0.019		0.041
no of refls retained, $I > 3.0 \sigma(I)$	1959	1426	1574
no of parameters refined	127	162	208
$R, R_{\mathbf{w}}^{\mathbf{b}}$	0.041 (0.059)	0.045 (0.059)	0.059 (0.070)
goodness-of-fit ^c	1.35	1.37	1.29
max shift; esd in final least- squares cycle	0.02	0.03	0.01
final Δρ(e/Å ³) max;min	0.23; -0.19	0.28; -0.28	0.47; -0.24

 $[^]a$ An Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer (Cu-K α radiation, graphite monochromator) was used for all measurements.

 $^{{}^}bR = \Sigma ||F_0| - |F_c||/\Sigma ||F_0|; \ R_w = [\Sigma w (|F_0| - |F_c|)^2 / \Sigma w ||F_0|^2]^{1/2}; \ \Sigma w \Delta^2 \ [w = 1/\sigma^2 (|F_0|), \ \Delta = (|F_0| - |F_c|)]$ was minimized.

^CGoodness-of-fit = $[\Sigma w\Delta^2/(N_{\text{observations}} - N_{\text{parameters}})]^{1/2}$.

Table II. Non-Hydrogen Atom Fractional Coordinates and Equivalent Isotropic Thermal Parameters for [Et₂AlP(SiMe₃)₂]₂ (1), with Estimated Standard Deviations in Parentheses.

Atom	х	у	5	Beq(Å ²)
P	0.18819(5)	0.2528(1)	-0.07618(4)	4.04(1)
Al	0.18284(5)	0.3319(1)	0.03869(5)	4.17(2)
Si(1)	0.10749(6)	0.0760(1)	-0.11420(5)	5.27(2)
Si(2)	0.17182(6)	0.4276(1)	-0.15354(5)	5.55(2)
C(1)	0.1060(2)	0.2305(4)	0.0781(2)	5.7(1)
C(2)	0.1052(3)	0.2675(5)	0.1514(2)	8.0(1)
C(3)	0.1785(2)	0.5397(4)	0.0467(2)	6.5(1)
C(4)	0.1047(3)	0. 5 978(6)	0.0476(3)	12.0(2)
C(11)	0.1109(3)	-0.0630(5)	-0.0494(2)	7.6(1)
C(12)	0.1328(3)	-0.0087(5)	-0.1905(2)	8.5(1)
C(13)	0.0103(2)	0.1463(6)	-0.1347(3)	9.3(2)
C(21)	0.2466(3)	0.5616(5)	-0.1321(3)	8.4(1)
C(22)	0.0798(3)	0.5171(6)	-0.1559(3)	10.1(2)
C(23)	0.1758(3)	0.3550(6)	-0.2387(2)	8.7(1)

Table III. Non-Hydrogen Atom Fractional Coordinates and Equivalent Isotropic

Thermal Parameters for Et(Cl)₂Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (2), with Estimated Standard

Deviations in Parentheses.

Atom	á	у	z	Beq(Å ²)
P	0.4686(1)	0.2509(1)	0.0000() ^a	3.48(3)
Al	0.5979(2)	0.2403(2)	-0.1324(2)	5.07(5)
Si(1)	0.5386(2)	0.2371(2)	0.1597(2)	4.72(4)
Si(2)	0.3900(2)	0.4050(2)	-0.0139(2)	5.04(4)
Si(3)	0.3530(2)	0.1239(2)	-0.0254(2)	5.02(4)
Cl(1)	0.6242(2)	0.0801(2)	-0.1480(3)	7.42(6)
Ci(2)	0.7306(2)	0.3069(2)	-0.0640(3)	9.87(8)
C(11)	0.4388(8)	0.2116(8)	0.2579(7)	7.2(3)
C(12)	0.6332(7)	0.1337(7)	0.1563(8)	7.5(2)
C(13)	0.5995(7)	0.3621(7)	0.1903(8)	6.6(2)
C(21)	0.3027(7)	0.4005(6)	-0.1257(8)	7.1(2)
C(22)	0.3159(8)	0.4345(7)	0.1037(10)	8.0(3)
C(23)	0.4908(8)	0.5015(7)	-0.0370(9)	7.1(2)
C(31)	0.3334(7)	0.1123(6)	-0.1640(8)	6.3(2)
C(32)	0.4032(9)	0.0047(7)	0.0289(10)	8.6(3)
C(33)	0.2308(8)	0.1568(8)	0.0365(9)	8.1(3)
C(1)	0.5592(11)	0.3042(8)	-0.2601(8)	9.5(3)
C(2)	0.5403(19)	0.2583(9)	-0.3473(11)	16.1(7)

^aThe z-coordinate of the P atom was held constant throughout the least-squares parameter refinement to define the space group origin in this direction.

Table IV. Non-Hydrogen Atom Fractional Coordinates and Equivalent Isotropic Thermal Parameters for *i*-Bu₂(Cl)Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (4), with Estimated S*andard Deviations in Parentheses.

Atom	x	у	z	Beq(Å 2)
P	0.2516(1)	0.1843(2)	0.2655(1)	4.07(5)
Al	0.2880(2)	0.3980(2)	0.2729(1)	5.08(6)
Si(1)	0.2753(2)	0.1178(2)	0.3896(1)	5.84(7)
Si(2)	0.3576(2)	0.0805(2)	0.2339(1)	5.59(6)
Si(3)	0.0865(2)	0.1475(2)	0.1690(2)	5.80(7)
Cl	0.4544(2)	0.3912(3)	0.3284(2)	7.80(7)
C(1)	0.2474(6)	0.4635(7)	0.3508(5)	5.7(2)
C(2)	0.3071(8)	0.5532(11)	0.4107(6)	10.5(4)
C(3)	0.2707(9)	0.5870(11)	0.4696(6)	11.3(4)
C(4)	0.3566(10)	0.6433(11)	0.3904(9)	14.4(6)
C(5)	0.2288(6)	0.4516(7)	0.1586(5)	6.6(3)
C(6)	0.2061(7)	0.5817(9)	0.1403(6)	8.1(3)
C(7)	0.1160(9)	0.6214(13)	0.1431(7)	13.6(5)
C(8)	0.1973(10)	0.6155(11)	0.0585(6)	12.5(4)
C(11)	0.1653(7)	0.1631(10)	0.4039(5)	8.3(3)
C(12)	0.3959(7)	0.1824(9)	0.4730(5)	7.7(3)
C(13)	0.2858(7)	-0.0454(8)	0.3937(5)	8.0(3)
C(21)	0.4841(6)	0.0674(9)	0.3281(6)	8.0(3)
C(22)	0.3696(6)	0.1634(9)	0.1535(5)	7.5(3)
C(23)	0.3027(6)	-0.0672(8)	0.1948(5)	7.4(3)
C(31)	0.0054(6)	0.2641(9)	0.1789(6)	7.4(3)
C(32)	0.0725(7)	0.1541(9)	0.0637(5)	7.6(3)

Table IV. (continued)

Atom	x	у	ž.	Beq(Å ²)
C(33)	0.0438(7)	0.0026(9)	0.1846(6)	8.3(3)

Table V. Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for $[Et_2AlP(SiMe_3)_2]_2$ (1), with Estimated Standard Deviations in Parentheses.

	Rone	d Lengths	
P-Al	2.460(1)	Si(1)-C(12)	1.867(5)
P-Si(1)	2.261(1)	Si(1)-C(13)	1.855(4)
P-Si(2)	2.259(1)	Si(2)-C(21)	1.847(5)
P-Al'	2.454(1)	Si(2)-C(22)	1.860(6)
Al-C(1)	1.970(4)	Si(2)-C(23)	1.868(5)
Al-C(3)	1.974(4)	C(1)-C(2)	1.526(6)
Si(1)-C(11)	1.849(5)	C(3)-C(4)	1.446(7)
	Bone	d Angles	
Al-P-Si(1)	114.46(5)	P-Si(1)-C(12)	111.1(2)
Al-P-Si(2)	114.21(5)	P-Si(1)-C(13)	109.8(2)
Al-P-Al'	90.17(4)	C(11)-Si(1)-C(12)	107.4(2)
Si(1)-P-Si(2)	107.95(5)	C(11)-Si(1)-C(13)	108.9(3)
Si(1)-P-Al'	112.58(5)	C(12)-Si(1)-C(13)	109.3(2)
Si(2)-P-Al'	116.89(5)	P-Si(2)-C(21)	109.8(2)
P-Al-C(1)	112.6(1)	P-Si(2)-C(22)	110.9(2)
P-Al-C(3)	112.9(1)	P-Si(2)-C(23)	110.4(2)
P-Al-P'	89.83(4)	C(21)-Si(2)-C(22)	108.0(2)
C(1)-A1-C(3)	114.2(2)	C(21)-Si(2)-C(23)	108.7(3)
C(1)-Al-P	114.6(1)	C(22)-Si(2)-C(23)	109.0(3)
C(3)-Al-P'	110.4(1)	Al-C(1)-C(2)	114.3(3)
P-Si(1)-C(11)	110.3(2)	Al-C(3)-C(4)	115.4(3)

Table VI. Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for Et(Cl)₂Al•P(SiMe₃)₃ (2), with Estimated Standard Deviations in Parentheses.

	Bon	d Lengths	
P-AI	2.435(3)	Si(1)-C(13)	1.87(1)
P-Si(1)	2.287(3)	Si(2)-C(21)	1.86(1)
P-Si(2)	2.285(3)	Si(2)-C(22)	1.86(1)
P-Si(3)	2.289(3)	Si(2)-C(23)	1.87(1)
Al-Cl(1)	2.144(4)	Si(3)-C(31)	1.83(1)
Al-Cl(2)	2.156(4)	Si(3)-C(32)	1.84(1)
Al-C(1)	1.93(1)	Si(3)-C(33)	1.86(1)
Si(1)-C(11)	1.87(1)	C(1)-C(2)	1.31(2)
Si(1)-C(12)	1.85(1)		
	Bon	d Angles	
Si(1)-P-Al	110.9(1)	C(21)-Si(2)-C(23)	109.8(5)
Si(2)-P-Al	108.3(1)	C(22)-Si(2)-C(23)	111.6(5)
Si(3)-P-Al	109.0(1)	P-Si(3)-C(31)	107.3(3))
Si(1)-P-Si(2)	109.1(1)	P-Si(3)-C(32)	108.9(4)
Si(1)-P-Si(3)	110.2(1)	P-Si(3)-C(33)	110.4(4)
Si(2)-P-Si(3)	109.3(1)	C(31)-Si(3)-C(32)	111.1(5)
P-Si(1)-C(11)	110.6(3)	C(31)-Si(3)-C(33)	108.9(5)
P-Si(1)-C(12)	108.1(3)	C(32)-Si(3)-C(33)	110.2(5)
P-Si(1)-C(13)	107.4(3)	P-Al-Cl(1)	103.7(1)
C(11)-Si(1)-C(12)	111.3(5)	P-Al-Cl(2)	104.8(1)
C(11)-Si(1)-C(13)	108.4(5)	P-Al-C(1)	113.6(4)

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C(12)-Si(1)-C(13)	111.0(4)	Cl(1)-A1-Cl(2)	107.8(2)		
F-3i(2)-C(21)	108.5(3)	Cl(1)-Al-C(1)	112.8(4)		
P-Si(2)-C(22)	111.1(3)	Cl(2)-Al-C(1)	113.3(4)		
P-Si(2)-C(23)	106.9(3)	Al-C(1)-C(2)	126.7(9)		
C(21)-Si(2)-C(22)	109.0(5)				
Torsion Angles about the P-Al bond ^a					
Si(1)-P-Al-Cl(1)	81.0(2)	Si(2)-P-AI-C(1)	-36.5(4)		
Si(1)-P-A1-Cl(2)	-32.0(2)	Si(3)-P-A1-Cl(1)	-40.4(2)		
Si(1)-P-Al-C(1)	-156.2(4)	Si(3)-P-A1-Cl(2)	-153.4(1)		
Si(2)-P-Al-Cl(1)	-159.3(1)	Si(3)-P-A1-Cl1)	82.4(4)		
Si(2)-P-A1-Cl(2)	87.7(1)				

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Table VII. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for i-Bu₂(Cl)Al•P(SiMe₃)₃

(4), with Estimated Standard Deviations in Parentheses.

	Bon	d Lengths	
P-Al	2.504(3)	Si(2)-C(22)	1.85(1)
P-Si(1)	2.283(3)	Si(2)-C(23)	1.87(1)
P-Si(2)	2.283(4)	Si(3)-C(31)	1.88(1)
P-Si(3)	2.266(3)	Si(3)-C(32)	1.86(1)
Al-Cl	2.179(4)	Si(3)-C(33)	1.86(1)
Al-C(1)	1.97(1)	C(1)-C(2)	1.46(1)
Al-C(5)	1.95(1)	C(2)-C(3)	1.49(2)
Si(1)-C(11)	1.87(1)	C(2)-C(4)	1.43(2)
Si(1)-C(12)	1.86(1)	C(5)-C(6)	1.53(1)
Si(1)-C(13)	1.88(1)	C(6)-C(7)	1.45(2)
Si(2)-C(21)	1.85(1)	C(6)-C(8)	1.51(2)
	Bon	d Angles	
Al-P-Si(1)	110.6(1)	P-Si(2)-C(22)	107.2(3)
Al-P-Si(2)	111.5(1)	P-Si(2)-C(23)	110.2(4)
Al-P-Si(3)	110.5(1)	C(21)-Si(2)-C(22)	110.1(5)
Si(1)-P-Si(2)	107.7(1)	C(21)-Si(2)-C(23)	110.1(4)
Si(1)-P-Si(3)	107.5(1)	C(22)-Si(2)-C(23)	110.7(4)
Si(2)-P-Si(3)	109.0(1)	P-Si(3)-C(31)	107.2(3)
P-Al-Cl	99.1(1)	P-Si(3)-C(32)	109.6(3)
P-Al-C(1)	106.0(3)	P-Si(3)-C(33)	111.7(3)
P-Al-C(5)	106.2(2)	C(31)-Si(3)-C(32)	109.3(5)
Cl-Al-C(1)	111.2(2)	C(31)-Si(3)-C(33)	109.6(5)

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CI-P-C(5)	109.0(3)	C(32)-Si(3)-C(32)	109.4(5)		
C(1)-Al-C(5)	122.5(4)	Al-C(1)-C(2)	122.3(8)		
P-Si(1)-C(11)	110.0(3)	C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	115.8(11)		
P-Si(1)-C(12)	108.1(4)	C(1)-C(2)-C(4)	121.0(11)		
P-Si(1)-C(13)	110.0(4)	C(3)-C(2)-C(4)	115.4(11)		
C(11)-Sì(1)-C(12)	109.5(4)	Al-C(5)-C(6)	118.7(6)		
C(11)-Si(1)-C(13)	109.5(5)	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	114.0(11)		
C(12)-Si(1)-C(13)	109.7(3)	C(5)-C(6)-C(8)	111.9(10)		
P-Si(12)-C(21)	108.6(3)	C(7)-C(6)-C(8)	109.6(9)		
Torsion Angles about the P-Al bonda					
Si(1)-P-Al-Cl	82.8(2)	Si(2)-P-A1-C(5)	-152.3(3)		
Si(1)-P-Al-C(1)	-32.5(3)	Si(3)-P-A1-Cl	-158.4(1)		
Si(1)-P-Al-C(5)	-164.3(3)	Si(3)-P-A1-C(1)	-86.4(3)		
Si(2)-P-Al-Cl	-37.0(1)	Si(3)-P-Al-C(5)	-45.4(4)		
Si(2)-P-Al-C(1)	-152.3(3)				

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